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Happy Friday!

1. Watchdog: EPA Action To Protect Flint Residents From Lead Was Delayed 7 Months, October 20, 2016

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/10/20/498717256/watchdog-epa-action-to-protect-flint-residents-from-lead-was-delayed-7-months>

"The Environmental Protection Agency had the authority and information to issue an emergency order protecting residents of Flint, Mich., from lead-tainted water a full seven months before it did so, an EPA internal investigation has concluded. "It is clear that EPA intervention was delayed," the report from the EPA's inspector general states. "These situations should generate a greater sense of urgency."

2. How one artist put climate activism on paper, October 20, 2016

<http://grist.org/people/how-one-artist-put-climate-activism-on-paper/>

"In 2011, artist Rachel Schragis found herself in Zuccotti Park, the epicenter of the Occupy Wall Street protests...For two years she's worked on a six-foot long piece modeled on the 2014 People's Climate March. Entitled Confronting the Climate: A Flowchart of the People's Climate March, the piece shows the clashing truths and motivations that make up the climate movement, but also insights into the movement's unity."

3. State Not Doing Enough to Protect Poor from Pollution, Advocates Argue, October 19, 2016

<http://www.njspotlight.com/stories/16/10/18/state-not-doing-enough-to-protect-poor-from-pollution-advocates-argue>

"The state needs to be more proactive in dealing with the pollution problems plaguing many of its minority communities and poorer urban areas, according to environmental justice advocates."

4. **'We cannot breathe:' A poor Alabama town has lived with the rotten egg stench of gas for 8 years**, October 15, 2016

<http://www.latimes.com/projects/la-fi-eight-mile-leak/>

“When methane started leaking out of a well at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility outside Los Angeles last October, noxious fumes blanketed the nearby Porter Ranch neighborhood for months. Residents complained of nausea, nosebleeds and vomiting; more than 8,000 families were forced out of their homes by the stench of the chemical odorant added to natural gas to help detect leaks. Two thousand miles away, in a poor Alabama community, residents are complaining of similar symptoms after lightning struck equipment at an underground pipeline.”

5. **Standing Rock: A New Moment for Native-American Rights**, October 12, 2016

<http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/standing-rock-a-new-moment-for-native-american-rights>

“The last time Native Americans gathered and the nation noticed was in 1973....There are echoes of Wounded Knee in the conflict that has sprung up near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, in North Dakota. Since midsummer, thousands of Native Americans have gathered at the confluence of the Missouri and Cannonball Rivers to protest the construction of the Dakota Access oil pipeline, which would cut just north of the reservation border, crossing sacred sites and imperilling Standing Rock’s water supply in the event of a rupture.”

Best,

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